

REMARKS

The Official Action dated 14 May 2004 has been carefully considered, along with cited references, applicable sections of the Patent Act, Patent Rules.

Claims 1-3, 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Marshall.

However, the Examiner has kindly indicated that claims 4 and 6 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, claim 4 which is indicated to be allowable has been deleted, and has been included into claim 1.

Claims 2, 5 are dependent on the amended claim 1.

Claim 3 is dependent on claim 2.

Claim 6 which is indicated to be allowable has been written in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 7 is dependent on claim 5.

Accordingly, claims 1-3 and 5-7 would appear to be allowable, and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is accordingly most respectfully solicited.

Courtesy and cooperation of Examiner RICHMAN are appreciated.

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